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September 29, 2008

The Honorable Mike Anderson
Mayor of the City of Lafayette
3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Room 210
Lafayette, CA 94549

Dear Mayor Anderson:

On behalf of Hospice of Contra Costa Foundation, thank you for the generous support Lafayette has given to the Tree of Lights program over the past 22 years.

To promote this year's efforts, we are once again asking for you to declare the month of November as Hospice Month. Such a proclamation would be extremely helpful in launching our Lafayette Tree of Lights campaign this year.

I have enclosed a sample resolution to facilitate the process. Please notify us when you plan to read the proclamation at a city council meeting and someone from our office will attend. The Foundation phone number is (925) 887-5678.

Also, I would like to invite you and the members of the City Council and staff to attend our ceremony at the corner of Mt. Diablo and Lafayette Circle East on Sunday, December 7th, at 5:30 p.m.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely

Kathryn M. Kavanagh
Community Liaison

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care provide patients and families the highest quality pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance and emotional and spiritual support, most often delivered in the home, allowing patients to live fully up until the final moments, surrounded and supported by loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; and

WHEREAS, last year more than one million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the 3,300 hospice and palliative care programs in communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, professional and compassionate hospice staff and trained volunteers—including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, and clergy—provide comprehensive care making the wishes of each patient a priority; and

WHEREAS, providing high-quality hospice and palliative care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, regardless of age, health, or social status and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and care; and

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones and their healthcare professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on behalf of the Lafayette City Council I hereby proclaim November 2008 as ***National Hospice/Palliative Care Month.*** *Citizens are encouraged to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Lafayette this 10th day of September, 2008.

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Mike Anderson, Mayor

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